

DOCTRINAL NOTES

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DOCTRINE OF FELLOWSHIP

The New Testament Greek word (koinonia) means to have or share in common. To fellowship means to share in the things we have in common. To have joint participation in any common effort. In Luke 5:10, James and John were joint partners in a fishing enterprise.

The New Testament was written in Koinone Greek, which means it was the common language used throughout the Greek world. Thus the word fellowship or (koinonia) is used in regards to common experiences and interests of Believers. Note: Acts 2:42, Gal 2:9.

1. Jude Vs 3 Common(koinonia) salvation - Refers to all that each Believer has because of their common position in Christ in this reference it includes all three tenses of salvation. II Peter 1:4
2. I John 1:3, 6 and 7 A Believer who is in fellowship with the Triune God is a Believer who is walking in the Light, or is obedient to the Word of God. Sharing a common life with Christ. I Cor. 1:9. Phil. 2:1 II Cor 13:4
3. John 13:1-10 Deals with fellowship the word in part in vs. 8 is (Gr ueros) which means division, no partnership or fellowship. This is what is necessary to live the Christian Life.
4. I Cor. 10:16 This is in reference to jointly sharing (koinonia) in the realization of the effects of the Blood (ie. death) of Christ and the body of Christ as set forth by the emblems in the Lord's Supper. Acts 2:42 and I Cor 11.
5. Gal 1:7-9 We share in disseminating the Gospel. Peter and Paul shared in a common effort to preach the Gospel to different people, Jew and Gentile. Phil 1:5, Phil 4:3
6. I Cor 3:9 We are Fellow workers together with God.
7. Phil 3:10, and I Pet 4:13 We fellowship with, while sharing in Christ's suffering.
8. Phil 4:15, II Cor 8:4, and II Cor 9:13 We fellowship in giving. Sharing one's material wealth or goods with other believers. When money is put in the offering it is a way of sharing what we have with others.
9. Eph 5:11, I Cor 10:20, II Cor 6:14-17, Rom 16:17, II Jn vs 10 The believer is told not to have fellowship with anything that is not in harmony with the Word of God. I Tim 5

FELLOWSHIP is never promoted or sought for, such as the NCC, WCC or other popular eccumenical movements of today.

FELLOWSHIP is a result of two or more having a common interest or common purpose. Luke 5:10.

The more we begin to learn what we have in Christ, THE GREATER THE FELLOWSHIP. The more a person pushes or imposes upon others for fellowship, the less fellowship he has.